

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 84-82

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: THE BUDGET ACT OF 1984 COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS THAT AFFECT IN-HOME
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
REFERENCE: ACIN 85-83

As part of the Budget Act of 1984, cost-of-living adjustments were made to In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) benefit maximums. The benefit levels for Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program (SSI/SSP) were not affected and will remain the same until January 1985 (see reference). You will be notified about the January 1985 SSI/SSP benefit level changes when the new rates have been established.

The January 1984 SSI/SSP benefit levels shall be used in determining the IHSS share of cost for those recipients who are income eligible. The January 1984 allowances provided for on forms SOC 294A (IHSS Income Eligibility-Adult) and SOC 294C (IHSS Income Eligibility-Child) shall also be adhered to until notified of an increase.

The July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1985 IHSS recipient benefit maximums are:

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| 1. Severely Impaired | \$921.00 (MPP 30-765.111) |
| 2. Non-Severely Impaired | \$638.00 (MPP 30-765.121) |
| 3. Restaurant Meal Allowance | |
| a. Individual | \$ 52.00 (MPP 30-757.134(a)(1)(A)) |
| b. Couple | \$104.00 (MPP 30-757.134(a)(1)(A)) |

The Budget Act of 1984 also provided for a three (3) percent IHSS provider wage and benefit increase beginning July 1, 1984. In the event increases were not given on July 1, 1984, waivers, if necessary, will be granted to allow such. Wage and benefit funds allocated are to be used only for provider wage and benefit increases. The Budget Act also required that all counties grant wage and benefit increases to their IHSS providers. The amount of allocation to each county will not be affected by the wage and benefit increase granted by any county. For counties which contract with private companies for IHSS, a provision shall be made to pass through wage and benefit increases to contract providers effective July 1, 1984. The Department will, at the county's request, automatically issue the increase for IHSS Individual Providers through the statewide IHSS Payrolling System. If you wish to have the increase processed for your county, please notify in writing the IHSS System Management Unit. Mail request to: Department of Social Services, IHSS Systems Management Unit, 744 P Street, M/S 8-500, Sacramento, CA.

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The actual wage and benefit increase allocations including 90% state and 10% county matching funds will be included in each county's total IHSS allocation and will be forthcoming via an All-County Letter.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact the Adult Services Bureau at (916) 322-6320.



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